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## REAL ID

### Flying with a REAL ID

#### REAL ID deadline extended.

Due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID enforcement deadline. The new deadline for REAL ID enforcement is May 7, 2025. [Read the announcement.](#)

Beginning **May 7, 2025**, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another [acceptable form of ID](#) to fly within the United States.

#### Check for the star.

REAL ID-compliant cards are marked with a star at the top of the card. If you're not sure, contact your state driver's license agency on how to obtain a REAL ID compliant card.

For information by state, including where to obtain a REAL ID, visit the [DHS REAL ID website](#) and click your state on the map.

#### About enhanced driver's licenses.

Michigan, Vermont, Minnesota, and New York states issue REAL ID and state-issued enhanced driver's licenses, both of which are acceptable. Washington state issues enhanced driver's licenses only.

State-issued enhanced driver's licenses are marked with a flag. These

documents will be accepted at the airport security checkpoint when the REAL ID enforcement goes into effect.

### **It's the law.**

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government “set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses.” The Act and implementing regulations establish minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibit federal agencies, like TSA, from accepting licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards for official purposes, such as getting through the airport security checkpoint to board a plane. [Learn more about REAL ID enforcement.](#)

## **FAQ**

▸ **Are TSA PreCheck® passengers subject to REAL ID requirements?**

▸ **Can I use my driver's license to board an aircraft if it is not REAL ID compliant?**

▸ **Do I need a REAL ID if I'm flying internationally?**

▸ **Do REAL ID requirements apply to CLEAR?**

▸ **Does TSA accept mobile driver's licenses?**

▸ **How can I tell if my license/ID is REAL ID compliant?**

▸ **How do I get a REAL ID?**

▸ **Is a passport my only other option if my driver's license or state ID is not acceptable?**

▸ **Is my tribal identification an acceptable form of ID?**

▸ **My state is REAL ID compliant. Does that mean my ID is REAL ID compliant?**

▸ What does it mean if a state is not REAL ID compliant and only has an extension?

▸ What happens if I show up without a valid driver's license or state ID?

▸ What happens if my ID doesn't have a star?

▸ What is the status of my state? How do I know if my ID is in compliance?

▸ When do I need to get a REAL ID?

▸ Will minors need to have a driver's license or state ID to fly domestically?

▸ Will TSA accept a temporary REAL ID from the DMV?

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